



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
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Notice and Agenda

5:00 p.m., Thursday, November 5, 2009
Granite Reef Senior Center, Room #8
1700 N. Granite Reef Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85257

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.**

2. **ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Gerald Miller, Vice Chairperson Howard Myers, Carla, Melinda Gulick, BJ Heggli, Rand Hubbell, Deke Joralmon, Fred Klein, Tom Silverman, Linda Whitehead, Susan Wheeler

Members Present: Chairperson Gerald Miller, Vice-Chairperson Howard Myers, BJ Heggli, Rand Hubbell, Deke Joralmon, Tom Silverman (arrived at 5:08pm), Linda Whitehead, Susan Wheeler, Carla;

Members Absent: Melinda Gulick

3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Regular Meeting minutes of October 1, 2009

**Motion by Rnad Hubbell to accept the October 1, 2009 meeting minutes as corrected.
Second by Susan Wheeler.**

Motion passed unanimously, 10-0.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Citizens may address the members of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission during Public Comment. This "Public Comment" time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. However, Arizona State Law prohibits the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda.

Commission Action: Information item

6. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS – Gerald Miller

Commission Action: Information item

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE & ACTIONS

Discussion and possible actions: Committee Chair Howard Myers will lead the discussion covering:

- a. Invasive Weeds section of the Management Plan.
- b. Roles and Responsibilities Chart for the Management Plan introduction.
- c. Guidelines for Agreements with Volunteer Organizations.
- d. Alternative approaches to Sub-Committees for key issues of importance to the Commission
- e. Use of preserve by non-profit organizations

Commission Action: Information and Action Item

8. PROMOTION COMMITTEE UPDATE & ACTIONS

Committee Chair Linda Whitehead will provide an update on committee actions and plans.

Commission Action: Information and Action

9. DESERT DISCOVERY CENTER JOINT TASK FORCE UPDATE

Task Force Chair BJ Heggli will provide update on planned activities.

Commission Action: Information

10. STATE TRUST LAND ACQUISITION STRATEGY & FUNDING PLAN

Vice Chair Howard Myers will lead discussion to review and update the land acquisition and funding strategy for acquiring all of the remaining land in the RSB.

Commission Action: Information and Action

Motion by Howard Myers, to review and update the land acquisition strategy for acquiring all of the remaining land in the RSB. Second by Susan Wheeler.

Motion passes, 10-0; unanimous.

Motion by Howard Myers, to form a group of at least two Commissioners to discuss the funding mechanisms for the purchase of land for the Preserve. Second by Rand Hubbell.

Motion passes, 10-0; unanimous.

Motion by Howard Myers, to assign Susan Wheeler and Carla to come up with funding strategies/plan for the acquisition of land in the RSB.

11. CHANGE IN TIMING FOR McDOWELL SONORAN MONTH

Commissioner Fred Klein will lead discussion on this item.

Commission Action: Information and Action

Motion by Tom Silverman, requesting that Commissioner Fred Klein research, consult with staff, and come back with a recommendation for the best month to celebrate McDowell Sonoran Month. Second by BJ Heggli.

Motion passes, 9-1, with Commissioner Whitehead in dissent.

12. REVISED MSPC BYLAWS

Discussion and possible action by Commissioners.

Commission Action: Information and Action

Motion by Howard Myers, to review the proposed bylaw changes and come back to the Commission with specific changes for action at the December meeting. Second by Linda Whitehead.

Motion passes, 9-0; unanimous (BJ Heggli left meeting prior to vote).

13. REPORT ON 2011 COS GENERAL PLAN REVIEW AND PROCEDURES

Update provided by Chairperson Gerald Miller and Preserve Director Kroy Ekblaw. Selection and confirmation of MSPC representative to General Plan Working Group.

Commission Action: Information and Action

Motion by Tom Silverman, to assign Linda Whitehead to be the MSPC representative to the General Plan Working Group. Second by Rand Hubbell.

Motion passes, 9-0; unanimous.

Motion by Tom Silverman, to assign Howard Myers as an alternate to the General Plan Working Group, should Linda Whitehead be unable to attend. Second by Rand Hubbell.

Motion passes, 9-0; unanimous.

14. PRESERVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Acquisitions - Kroy Ekblaw will update the Commission on the status of any discussions with the State Land Department, Trust Land reform, and other events/activities.

Operations - Bill Murphy will update the Commission on the status of recent maintenance activities, trail counts, and other events/activities.

Commission Action: Information

15. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commission Action: Information

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Develop a tentative agenda for the December 2009 meeting.

Commission Action: Information and Action

December meeting date changed to Monday, December 7th, 2009, 5:00pm (due to schedule conflicts with Bill Murphy and Kroy Ekblaw). Meeting will be held at the Granite Reef Senior Center.


Motion by Susan Wheeler, to have the six items that were mentioned on the December agenda: (Preserve tax review, naming/designation of streets within the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Management Plan, Commercial Permits, Invasive Weeds and Review of the MOU). Second by Tom Silverman.

Motion passes, 9-0; unanimous.

17. ADJOURNMENT 8:05pm

Commission Action: Motion to adjourn the meeting

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